

Welcome to Otterbein United Methodist Church

October 18, 2026

10:30 am

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*

We Gather to Worship the Lord

Prelude

The Time is Now

Paris/Larson

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Leader: God has breathed the breath of life within us.

All: Blessed be God, and God's blessing be upon us.

Leader: God has saved us from sin and death through grace.

All: Blessed be God, and God's blessing be upon us. Let us worship God!

Leader: God has empowered us to serve others in Christ's name.

All: Blessed be God, and God's blessing be upon us. Let us worship God!

***Opening Prayer**

***Opening Hymn**

No. 57, UMH

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

(vs. 1-5, 7)

Children's Time in Worship

Maryann Wolfe

We Proclaim the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

James 1:22-27

(NT, pg. 229)

Excerpts from Dr. Ashley Boggan's Teaching on "The Heart of Methodism"

*Hymn

Live in Charity (Ubi Caritas)
(sung three times)

No. 2179, TFWS

We Give Our Thanks

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation, Confession, Pardon, & Peace

No. 12, UMH

Anthem

Do Lord, Remember Me
College Chorale

arr. Hogan

*Doxology

No. 95, UMH

Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of Holy Communion

No. 13 UMH

Prayer after Communion

No. 11, UMH

We Go Forth Renewed

*Closing Hymn

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

No. 438, UMH

*Benediction

*Postlude

The Son of God Goes Forth

Paxton

** Please stand as you are able.*

This Week's Opportunities

Sunday, October 18

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Fellowship Meal—MH

Monday, October 19

4:30 pm Soup Kitchen
4:30 pm Clothes Closet
6:00 pm SPRC—Rm. 204

Tuesday, October 20

6:00 pm Bible Study—Rm. 204
7:00 pm Admin. Council—Rm. 204

Wednesday, October 21

10:00 am Bible Study—Rm. 204
11:30 am Lunch at BBQ Ranch
6:00 pm Bells
7:15 pm Choir

Thursday, October 22

9:30 am Guy's Grief Group—Mr. J's Bagels
3:45 pm New Horizons Band—MH

Friday, October 23

Saturday, October 24

7:30 am UMM—MH

Sunday, October 25

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Selah Open House
5:00 pm Young-ish Adult Group—Rm 204

Lay Reader:

Charles Williams

Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:

Carole Barber & Sarah Macomber

Otterbein in Prayer

David Angier
Rosalie Bailey
Gary Billingsley
Whitney Bradley
Rev. Louis Carson
Lt. Col. Sam Cartee
Loretta Crider
Nissa D'Andrea
Cliff Davis
Jo Ellen Dickenson
Mike Earman
Rev. Samuel & Judith Espinoza
Zach Fickes
Mary Ann Glendye
Ray Griffith
Fred Hopkins
Joel Jordan
Deb Leap & Family
Patty Liskey
Chuck Macklin
Art Mitchell
Eric Mitchell
Maxine Perry
Judy Pruett
Ann Sebrell
Dot Swartz
Carolyn Stroop
Michelle VanPelt
Hazel Willi
Keith Wright
Family of Cathy McCaleb



*The flowers on the altar
today are given by
Jim & Julie Clough in
memory of their fathers,
Edwin & John, and to
the Glory of God*

- **Otterbein Signature Coconut Cake** orders have ended. Orders maybe picked up at the water fountains. Thank you for answering the call to support Otterbein's mission projects!
- **Directory Updates**—Please let the church office know of any directory changes or additions by **TODAY**. Email the office at oumcadm@hotmail.com or submit your info by using this form: <https://tinyurl.com/OUMCDirectoryUpdate>. We plan to print a new directory soon!
- **SPRC** will meet **tomorrow** at **6 pm** in **Room 204**.
- **Lunch Out**—Our final lunch out for the year will be **Wednesday, October 21** at **11:30 am** at **Bar B-Q Ranch** (3311 N. Valley Pike). Sign up on the bulletin board in the Education Hallway.
- **Grown & Growing - A Young-ish Adult Group**—*Grown in life. Growing in faith.* Adulting isn't easy. Neither is faith. Let's do both together. Grown & Growing is a monthly gathering for adults - from early 20s through your 40s - who want to share a meal, make friends, have some fun, and grow in faith. Whether you're single or married, new to church or have been around it for years, there's a place for you. Come for the food. Stay for the conversation, community, laughter, and faith. Each gathering includes time to connect, a meaningful worship or Bible-study component, and plenty of fun. Childcare will be provided. **First gathering will be Sunday, October 25 from 5-6:30 pm in Room 204!**
- **October is Pastor Appreciation Month!**—Please remember to extend a word/message/card to Pastor Laura expressing your thanks for all her hard work and spiritual leadership for OUMC! ~Staff Parish Relations Committee
- **Miracle Sunday**—If you would like to support the **Miracle Sunday Offering**, please make your check payable to OUMC and designate "Miracle Sunday" in the memo line or give cash and write "Miracle Sunday" on the envelope. Thank you! We will collect donations until the end of October.
- **Dried Beans/Rice Collection**—The Otterbein UM Men are continuing our dried beans and rice collection. All donations will be taken to Community Mennonite Church to be included along with other food for special backpacks of the students of Waterman Elementary so that families will have food for the weekend. Donating one-pound bags of any kind of dried beans or rice are a perfect way to be the "hands and feet of Christ" in our community. Donations may be placed in any of the colorful buckets at any time. *Thank you for your continued support of this project.*

**TLC Person
of the Week:**

Maggie Sparks
302 N. Second Street, #232
Bridgewater, VA 22812

*Remember Maggie this week
with a note or a card.
Let's show her Otterbein's
"tender, loving care"!*

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday: 8 am - 3 pm

Friday: Closed